

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Attached hereto is the Declaration of inventor Juergen H. Rabe providing, in Declaration form, the results first presented in the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of Applicants' response filed November 12, 2007.

As explained in the attached Declaration, coated sodium percarbonate particles having a starting available oxygen (AvOx) of 13.96%¹ were tested as per paragraph [0031] of the present patent application, which is the Examples paragraph appearing at specification page 6, lines 19ff. In each test the particles were heat treated in a fluid bed and then analyzed in order to measure their final content of available oxygen and their fizzyness. As shown by the results in the Declaration, the fact that Jakob does not produce, suggest or describe the fizzy coated sodium percarbonate particles according to the present invention is confirmed.

Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above and in view of both the attached Declaration and Applicants' amendment and remarks filed November 12, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of this case to Issue.

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¹ Compare with Table 1 at paragraph [0054] of Jakob.